

NEW CANAL ZONE METHODS ORDERED

Secretary of War Approves Changes in Manner of Dealing With Employees.

Changes in business management and governmental administration of the Panama Canal Zone, as recommended by the special War Department commission sent there to study conditions, were in part approved and ordered into effect yesterday by Secretary Weeks.

The War Secretary ordered Gov. Morrow to make changes in affairs of the sons as follows:

To charge employers a moderating sum for quarters, light, fuel and other services, instead of furnishing them free, as at present; to deal with the employees, whether union or non-union, as individuals, not as members or representatives composed of employees; whether representative of labor organizations or not; to follow in the matter of wages not necessarily the union rate in a particular industry, but a rate "actually paid for similar services in various representative parts of the United States, whether it be a non-union or union industry," and to enter into no agreement as to labor which

cannot be terminated at any time within thirty days, on notice by the government or some government agency, to be brought about by limiting the use of tropical labor; to give encouragement to agriculture; to handle no matters directly with the Panama government; to have the government exercise of the governor's administrative functions and to have other matters dealt with through the State Department.

With regard to tropical labor, the wider use of which was recommended by the commission, Secretary Weeks said he could not sanction the employment of men taken in irresponsible positions, but believed such workers could be used to a greater extent for low grade work.

The Panama government should be informed," the Secretary said, in a letter to Gov. Morrow announcing his decisions, "that the canal authorities are within their rights under the treaty in purchasing and selling supplies * * * to the employees of the Canal Zone. The Panama gov-

Gov. Morrow requested time for further study of certain recommendations and Mr. Weeks reserved decision on these.

SLUR TO THE KING

Irish Peace Negotiations Are Expected to Proceed Again Tomorrow.

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, October 22.—With Prime Minister Lloyd George week-ending at his country home, Chequers Court, and Michael Collins, head of the Irish delegation in London, gone to Dublin, no important developments in the Irish negotiations are expected until the conference is resumed on Monday afternoon.
That an acute crisis has been reached was admitted by both sides.

today, but the general opinion tonight was that the resentment expressed by the British representatives toward Eamonn De Valera's message to the Pope would be smoothed over and that the negotiations would proceed.

Some afternoon papers today asserted that Mr. De Valera's message was approved, or authorized by the Sinn Fein delegates, but independent inquiries in Sinn Fein circles elicited no such expression, none of the delegates being willing to voice an opinion.

Uister Still Untouched.

It was stated tonight that although considerable progress was made in the preliminary discussions regarding the truce, the army, navy and financial representatives are still at loggerheads. The stumbling block—Lyster—has hardly been touched. It was understood that when the conference resumes on Monday Mr. Lloyd George will immediately bring up again the subject of De Valera's message and open up the question of the position of Sinn Féin regarding allegiance to the crown. Such a move, if taken, would, it was pointed out, on the British side, will put Sir John Jellicoe in a

extremely difficult position of either repudiating Mr. de Valera—which, of course, is not expected—or of finding a formula for defining definitely Sinn Fein's attitude toward the British crown, which it is recognized will be equally difficult.

Hope to Solve Dilemma.

Nevertheless, hope was expressed today of finding a way out of the dilemma, and this hope appears even stronger tonight. The Sinn Fein delegates say it is "sixty to forty" that the conference will be con-

When Michael Collins left for Dublin he took with him, according to the Standard, "an important document, presumably for submission to Mr. de Valera, regarding which no information is yet available."

ECUADOR INVITES CAPITAL

Ecuador, in a campaign to attract manufacturing enterprises and foreign capital, has passed a law ex-

empting from duties and taxes all raw material and machinery brought into the country for that purpose. Minister Elizalde was informed yesterday in a message from the Ecuadorian minister of foreign relations. The message read:

"Law on industrial protection has been passed. Therefore machinery and raw material can be brought in free of fiscal and municipal duty and capital invested here is free from additional taxes."

Dalecarlia Comes Here.
Special Dispatch to The Star.
FREDERICKSBURG, Va., October 22.—The government hydraulic dredge Dalecarlia, in tow of the tug Castle, has started for Washington after being stationed at the head of tide water on the Rappahannock river since June 1. The castle will return for the combination clam shell and pile driver derrick Atlas, which is putting the finishing touches on the work that

has been under way on the upper Rappahannock. D. F. Notter was the government inspector in charge of the work.

FREE TOLLS FAVORED.

As a result of a referendum on the Panama canal tolls sent out by the National Rivers and Harbors Congress, 435 answers favored the exemption from tolls of all American vessels engaged in the coastwise trade, and also the exemption from toll of all American vessels whether

engaged in coastwise or foreign trade. One hundred and fifty-seven replies opposed both. The seventeenth convention of the congress has been postponed from December to some date in January, to be announced.